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TO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORS, GY

SUBJECT: GUYANESE REQUEST FOR TEAR GAS CANISTERS

REF: STATE 171095

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, ARA/CAR DIRECTOR HEWITT LAST WEEK INFORMED AMBASSADOR MANN THAT WE COULD NOT APPROVE THE GUYANESE REQUEST TO PURCHASE A LARGE QUANTITY OF TEAR GAS CANISTERS AT THIS TIME, POINTING OUT THAT THE GOG HAD NOT MADE PURCHASES OF THIS KIND IN THE U.S. IN THE RECENT PAST AND THERE SEEMED TO BE NO GROUNDS FOR APPROVING AN URGENT SALE OF THIS QUANTITY OF TEAR GAS. HEWITT ADDED THAT, SHOULD THE GOG BE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A REGULAR SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS COUNTRY, OVER THE LONG TERM, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER REASONABLE REQUESTS. AMBASSADOR MANN ACCEPTED THE DECISION NOT TO APPROVE AN IMMEDIATE TEAR GAS SALE AS REQUESTED, BUT HE HAS CONTINUED TO PRESS IN VARIOUS QUARTERS FOR THE PROVISION OF SOME TEAR GAS TO THE GOG IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. WE HAVE INFORMED HIM
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THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE A "REASONABLE AMOUNT", AND THAT WE ARE CONSULTING WITH EXPERTS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY FIELD TO DETERMINE WHAT AMOUNT WOULD SEEM TO BE

REASONABLE TO ASSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER IN A CITY THE SIZE OF GEORGETOWN.

2. AMBASSADOR MANN IS RETURNING TO GEORGETOWN OVER THE
WEEK END AND WILL DOUBTLESS INFORM THE GOG OF THIS
DECISION. HE MAY ALSO SEEK TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE
EMBASSY. VANCE

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